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CINCINNATI

Collectors' Club Has Large Meeting

The regular meeting of the Cincinnati Stamp Collectors' Club, Branch No. 2 of the S. P. A. held October 3 at the Metropole Hotel was largely attended. The evening was given over to a Club Benefit Sale which was greatly enjoyed by all. Mr. J. M. Westphal of Joliet, Ill., was a visitor and he exhibited his wonderful collection of Match and Medicine stamps. This collection is the most complete ever witnessed by the collectors in Cincinnati. The condition of every stamp is perfect. Mr. Westphal's collection was enjoyed by all and the Club members gave him a vote of thanks. It is hoped that Mr. Westphal will come soon again and show his complete collection of U. S. Postage and Revenue stamps. Mr. Stein of Chicago and Mr. H. H. Griffin of the Garfield-Perry Club of Cleveland were also among the visitors.

Programs for the coming season were also given out and if all the assignments are carried out the collectors of Cincinnati are in for some pleasant evenings. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays each month at the Hotel Metropole. Every stamp collector is welcome.

The next meeting, October 17, is visitors' night and a special effort will be made to have as many non-members as possible, attend this meeting.—A. E. Hussey.

INDIANAPOLIS

B. G. Bushnell, father of the Precancel Catalog has moved from Chicago, back to Indianapolis. No doubt the collectors here will be glad to have him back home again

for Mr. Bushnell has usually been an active stamp man and activity is what keeps interest alive. Mr. Bushnell's Indianapolis address is 1265 Burdsal Parkway.

Louis A. Pike, another Indianapelite who has been away from the fold for some time has returned to his old home town and can be found at 545 E. 42nd St. Friend Pike is also a precancel enthusiast and with two live precancel men coming back to the old town at the same time there ought to be a revival of interest in precancels.

PHILADELPHIA

Wolsieffer's 305th Sale

It seems but a short time ago since P. M. held his 300th sale and now the 305th sale is announced. The number should be food for thought for any man who buys at auction. 305 consecutive sales are proof of much experience and no doubt a criterion of satisfaction to bidders. This 305th sale is scheduled for Wednesday Evening, October 23. The sale will be held in the rooms of the Philadelphia Stamp Club.

CHICAGO

The Postage Stamp Club

The ninth monthly meeting of the Postage Stamp Club was held in September with fifteen members in attendance. An auction was held and some good prices realized.

The Club is planning its first annual banquet for Saturday November 9th, at the Hotel Bismarck. An exhibition will be held at the same time. Already about 40 frames are arranged for. All collectors are invited to attend the meetings and the banquet.

The next meeting of the Club will be on Wednesday evening, October 16. Interested collectors should get in touch with the Secretary, Mr. C. H. Krippaehne, 5049 N. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, Ill., for any information regarding the club and its plans for the season.

Bushnell Returns to Indianapolis

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Visitors at News Office

Mr. J. M. Westphal dropped into the office of the News Saturday morning, October 5th. He was there bright and early and waiting for the appearance of the Editor. Mr. Westphal had motored down to Columbus from Joliet, Ill. Mr. Westphal said that his son-in-law from Chicago had to come down this way and that he was told that he could ride in the back seat for ballast. To help make up weight J. M. brought along part of his collection of Match and Medicine stamps. He stopped in Cincinnati Thursday and showed this collection before the Cincinnati Club and came to Columbus Friday evening. We regret that he did not make his presence known so that we could have taken him up to the Club Meeting on Friday night. Mr. Westphal has been an enthusiastic collector of Match and Medicine for a great many years and has a collection that is almost perfect as to condition and which is very nearly complete. Many very interesting varieties are shown as well as numerous fine blocks and pieces.

Mr. Westphal also collects U. S. entire envelopes and derives much pleasure from them. In addition to these two lines his collection of U. S. Postage and Revenues would entertain any group of serious minded collectors.

Mr. Westphal is just another wonderful example of the kind of people that can be found in the

ranks of stamp collectors in every city in the land.

Harold J. Hifton, formerly of New York City, called on the Editor of the News Saturday morning, October 5th and brought Mrs. Hifton with him. We are glad to welcome the Hiftons to Columbus, and hope that they will find it agreeable to locate here permanently.

Columbus Philatelic Club

The members of the Columbus Philatelic Club are working steadily on their plans for a stamp exhibition to be held here in Columbus on Saturday, October 19. This being the first attempt at an exhibition by the club, it is hoped that every local collector will do his bit toward making it a success. Frames are to be filled and supplied by each collector, each supplying as many frames as he can prepare.

The object of the exhibition is to attract the public and create interest in stamp collecting rather than to make a display for stamp collectors.

The last meeting of the Club was held Friday evening, October 4th, and a large number were in attendance. The excellent meeting place now available to the Club is such that every collector in Columbus should attend the meetings which are held on the first and third Friday evenings of each month.

At the last meeting some of the collectors displayed frames which they had already prepared for the exhibition and if enough frames such as were shown are got together it is certain that an interesting display will be made.

Visiting collectors are always

welcome at the meetings. If you are in Columbus on the first or third Friday evening of any month call the Editor by phone, ADams 2344 and he will arrange to see that you are piloted to the meeting place. The Club meets on the 9th floor of the Outlook Building, 44 E. Broad St.

CLEVELAND

Cleveland Stamp Club Banquet

September 18th, 1929, will go down in the records of The Cleveland Stamp Club as a "red letter" day for that Organization.

The members, for some time, had been considering various ways and means whereby the club could show its appreciation for the innumerable hours that Dr. McGay had devoted to the advancement of the Club. At the meeting, of August 27th, it was decided to hold a banquet in honor of Dr. McGay and present a Loving Cup to him, at that time.

Arrangements were made by Messrs. Greco and Strasser, a committee appointed for the purpose, for a banquet at the Cafe Giardino D'Italia, one of the proprietors of which is Mr. A. Garibotti, a member of the Club.

The members did not overlook the work of Howard Codding, who, as organizer, had materially assisted the organization in the progress made during the past year. A Life Membership in the S.P.A. was voted Mr. Codding.

The speeches were limited to Dr. McGay and Mr. Codding. Mr. Codding made the presentation speech and the actual presentation of the cup was made by Miss Virginia O'Brien, junior member of the C. S. C.

While Mr. Codding, true to form, was circulating among the members present, Dr. McGay "sprung" the presentation of the Life Membership in the S. P. A. to that worthy gentleman.

—H. J. Walk.

Congratulations or condolences are due Alvin Good. But you heard about that six thousand dollar sale probably, also.

Last meeting of Garfield Perry brought forth an entertaining talk on the part of Bill Whittaker concerning his stamp finds in various Court Houses years ago—and tales of the present activities along that line producing splendid stuff. Interesting, indeed—Bill certainly knows his stuff—and its source.

Didn't Friend Garibotti do himself proud arranging the banquet for Dr. McGay?

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Under this heading all new issues will be reported. All collectors are urged to co-operate with the Editor by sending copies of all new heretofore unlisted items to the Editor of this column for chronicle, which will be returned promptly at our expense. No stamps will be listed unless they are seen; this is absolutely necessary to prevent mistakes creeping into the list.

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NEW TYPE COILS

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Six new varieties listed this week—that is all. We have received dozens of communications from readers of our department, but only two of them favored us with new issues for listing. We wish to thank Dr. W. I. Mitchell and Harry J. Morse, both of California, for this cooperation. As for the rest of you—come along, show us the new ones!

THE LOUISVILLE LOW "V's"

We are deeply indebted to Mr. E. S. Thresher of Kansas City for the following dissertation on the low or dropped "V's" on the old type buros of Louisville, Ky., both perforations (but not on the coils). This variety was first called to our attention by Mr. Thresher, many months ago, and his discovery has created a great deal of interest, with the result that these varieties are very much in demand. Mr. Thresher's letter follows:

About two or three years ago I noticed just a line in "Gossip" that the Louisville ordinary buros came with one subject having a "V" which was noticeably low. At that time I looked over my stock of them and found several, but it seemed to me that the lowness was so slight as to be but an inconsiderable irregularity, and so I didn't bother any more. About six months ago while looking over a bunch of Louisville's, a 10c perf. 10 almost hit me in the eye. The "V" was way out of line. So I then began an investigation, having access to an accumulation of several thousand from that city.

The fellow who made up the original matrix for the plate must have been on a spree the night

before, for there are hardly any two of the subjects exactly alike. Slight misplacement of letters up or down occurs, sometimes whole groups of letters off-line. These will surely make a good theme for plating. But bear this in mind that the plates for the buro precancels are cast in blocks of fifty, so that any irregularity occurs twice on a sheet of 100, in the same position on the top and bottom half of the sheet. So it would be very difficult to plate more than half a sheet (and only necessary to plate half a sheet for that matter.—Editor.) There was only one set of plates made up for the Louisville buro type B-5 ordinaries, and so any irregularity must occur on all the values of both the perf. 10 and the perf. 11x10½ old types.

I have the low "V" on all the perf. 10's and on the 1c, 1½c, 2c, 3c, 8c, and 10c compound perfs. The low "V" is the only variety of Louisville buros that I have made an effort to get sets of. But after studying them carefully I think that there are two varieties that are distinctive enough to be collected as sub-varieties: the low "V" and the high "ILLE".

Now just a word about the low "V": I have noticed that there is some difficulty in distinguishing it. That "V" was a slippery fellow, but the REAL low "V" is so distinctive as to be unmistakable—if you once get a copy of it for comparison with the others. The sure way to tell it is as follows: All the other letters of Louisville have their tops on the same line. The "V" alone is low. The tops of both serifs of the "V" are about 1/16 of an inch lower than the tops of the serifs of "S" and "I". Under a low-powered glass the tops of the serifs of the "V" are seen to be about even with the middle of the "S" and "I". However, a glass is not needed to spot these positions. Several of the "V's" are tilted slightly and in several instances the adjacent letters are slightly high. Then note the line for the tops and bottoms of the other letters of the word "LOUISVILLE": the point of the regular "V" extends below the bottoms of the other letters, while the point of the tilted "V" does not.

As to prices, or values, for the low "V" and the high "ILLE", supply and demand will tell the tale. At present I would say that they are worth three or four times the price of an otherwise undistinguished ordinary, although they do occur but once in fifty. If they become popular the price will go up rapidly.

Inasmuch as some values of the Louisville B-5 ordinaries are still current, it would spoil the fun for me to start plating them now.

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In The Editor's Mail

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Wm. J. Cowdrey of New York, sends a clipping from the "Railway Age" which is a column article on early Railway Postoffices. The article contains an illustration of a 3c 1851 cover cancelled on the Boston & Albany Railway Post Office in 1853.

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[SEAL] (My commission expires
November 28, 1930).

THE LOUISVILLE LOW "V's"

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When the B-11 has appeared on all values and the old types are gone from the postoffice stocks, then I will dig up all the pairs and strips and blocks which I have been saving away and start plating. In the meantime, don't tear any of the pairs, strips, etc., apart. They might be good property five years from now when some of the super-buro-fans get to plating Louisville's.

All of which is good material for an argument with some of those "birds" who class precancels as uninteresting, inferior copies, along with straight edges and perforated initials.

Just last week a friend showed me a Louisville 1½c coil with a distinct low "V" very much like that on the ordinary. Another friend had an accumulation of these stamps, about 500 of them. There wasn't any of the real low "V's" in the bunch. I would say, off-hand, that on the coil the low "V" variety would occur every sixth stamp, but it may be that there has been more than one plate for the Louisville coils. I haven't had time to go into it much yet—but I intend to watch out for them too.

Here Mr. Thresher's letter ends. We trust that he will let the readers of LINN'S hear further from him in regard to these interesting varieties.

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The editor is fortunate in getting a British Guiana cover back so promptly since the Postmaster down there to whom a large cover was addressed kindly folded it and placed it inside a cover which had been sent down to be mailed back. The Editor is also unfortunate in having sent a cover by registered mail to the Postmaster at Port of Spain, Trinidad, which for some unknown reason altho by registered mail addressed to the Postmaster was not delivered but was returned to the senders address in the corner of the envelope. This letter contained cash for postage stamps to return some envelopes that were enclosed, so we lose out on that batch of covers.

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Covers from Trinidad which we have seen bear no special mark to indicate first flight but all that we have seen are cancelled September 25th. Two different cancellation marks are used on some covers.

Our covers from Antigua, came back by registered mail because the remittance we sent was evidently large enough to cover postage plus registration and we are thankful that such was the case. These covers bear the regular blue registered label, a blue Air Mail label also and in addition a rubberstamped three line cachet which reads:

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These covers are backstamped at Miami, Jacksonville and Columbus. The Columbus date being October 2, with the cancellation date at Antigua being September 26th.

Taken as a whole the covers make a very interesting showing and a complete set from this flight will be well worth laying aside. Other registered covers which we sent down have not yet come back and will no doubt come back by ordinary mail.

Prince Albert-Montreal Lake-Lac La Ronge

On Aug. 10th the Cherry Red Airline Ltd., of Prince Albert, carried the first aerial mail from that town to Montreal Lake. At the same time it was intended to go on to Lac La Ronge and Stanley, but no covers backstamped Stanley, have come through. Those addressed to that point are backstamped Lac La Ronge, on Aug. 12th.

This company carried some mail between Prince Albert and Lac La Ronge in July, probably before permission came through from Ottawa. This would make the flight of Aug. 10th, the first official date.

The return trip was made on Aug. 12th, and covers from Lac La Ronge and Montreal Lake are cancelled with that date, the latter being often very faint. They are all backstamped at Prince Albert on the same date.

—G. W. Linke.

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